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Re Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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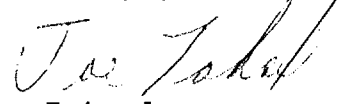
On behalf of the 4,000 members of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida, I urge you, for ethical and public-safety considerations, to immediately ban the practice known as forced molting of hens.

Because forced molting causes infectious diseases in hens and their eggs, consumers of poultry products are put at risk. Forced molting is known to compromise the hens' immune systems, leaving them vulnerable to diseases. To allow this incredibly cruel and dangerous practice to continue, and only requiring that eggs have warning labels, is unacceptable. Similarly, simply mandating certain refrigeration requirements is impractical because enforcement would be nearly impossible.

The FDA has already been petitioned to ban forced molting but has taken no action. The FDA is charged with safeguarding consumer health. It is unconscionable that the agency would condone a practice that it knows to have detrimental effects on consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

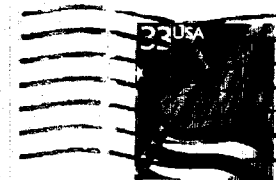
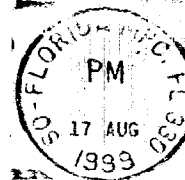
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